

Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Challenges of Export Concentration in Developing Countries
Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB) ERR
☒ Influential Scientific Information
Agency: Economic Research Service ☐ Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
USDA
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Subject of Review: In developing countries, a critical constraint to sustained economic growth arises from export concentration: a number of countries in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean depend heavily on a limited number of cash crop exports, and hence are vulnerable to domestic and international shocks. This article utilizes Malawi as a case study of export concentration and heavy exposure to volatility, an issue that has broad relevance for other developing countries that often experience difficulties in drawing sustained economic growth from a narrow portfolio of cash crop exports.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: ☐ Panel Review ☒ Individual Reviewers
☐ Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 09/04/08 End: XX/XX/XX Completed: XX/XX/XX

Number of Reviewers: ☐ 3 or fewer ☒ 4 to 10 ☐ More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: ☒ Agency ☐ Designated Outside Organization
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:
How:
When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? ☐ Yes ☒ No